

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

MM Docket No. 94-151

In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 73.202(b),
Table of Allotments,
FM Broadcast Stations.
(Buffalo and Lamar,
Missouri)

RM-8555

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

Adopted: December 14, 1994; Released: December 22, 1994

Comment Date: March 13, 1995

Reply Comment Date: March 28, 1995

By the Chief, Allocations Branch:

1. Before the Commission for consideration is a petition for rule making filed jointly by KBFL Broadcasting Company ("KBFL"), licensee of Station KFBL(FM), Buffalo, Missouri, and KHST Broadcasting Company ("KHST"), licensee of Station KHST(FM), Lamar, Missouri (jointly referred to as "petitioners"). KBFL requests the substitution of Channel 260C3 for Channel 260A at Buffalo, Missouri, and modification of the license for Station KFBL(FM) accordingly. KHST requests substitution of Channel 269A for Channel 260A at Lamar, Missouri, and modification of the license for Station KHST(FM) to specify operation on Channel 269A. The petitioners provided an engineering study in support of the proposal and indicated they would apply for the respective channels.

2. In support of the proposal, petitioners state that substitution of the channels at Buffalo and Lamar will permit improved service by both stations to their respective communities. Petitioners point out that modification of the license for Station KBFL(FM) at Buffalo will permit the station to serve a much larger area, thereby increasing the number of broadcast signals available to the public in the area, while promoting a more efficient use of the spectrum. In addition, petitioners state that the license of Station KHST(FM) is made up of the same principals which own Station KBFL(FM). Thus, there is no objection to the allotment changes requested and no need for the Commission to issue an order to show cause. Further, the expenses involved in the proposed change in frequencies for Station KHST(FM), Lamar, will naturally be borne by the same principals that own station KBFL(FM).

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3. We believe the public interest will be served by the proposed substitutions because they will result in the provision of expanded service at Buffalo. Channel 260C3 can be allotted to Buffalo, Missouri, at KBFL's proposed site in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements.¹ Channel 269A can be allotted to Lamar, Missouri, in compliance with the Commission's spacing requirements at the existing site for Station KHST(FM).² We shall propose to modify the license of Station KBFL(FM), Buffalo, Missouri, to specify operation on Channel 260C3, as requested. In accordance with Section 1.420(g) of the Commission's Rules, we shall not accept other expressions of interest in the channel.

4. Accordingly, for the reasons stated above, we believe it is appropriate to seek comments on the proposal to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, as follows:

		Channel No.
City	Present	Proposed
Buffalo, Missouri	260A	260C3
Lamar, Missouri	260A	269A

5. The Commission's authority to institute rule making proceedings, showings required, cut-off procedures, and filing requirements are contained in the attached Appendix and are incorporated by reference herein. In particular, we note that a showing of continuing interest is required by paragraph 2 of the Appendix before a channel will be allotted.

6. Interested parties may file comments on or before **March 13, 1995**, and reply comments on or before **March 28, 1995**, and are advised to read the Appendix for the proper procedures. Comments should be filed with the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. Additionally, a copy of such comments should be served on the petitioner's counsel, as follows: William J. Pennington, III, 5519 Rockingham Road-East, Greensboro, North Carolina 27407.

7. The Commission has determined that the relevant provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to rule making proceedings to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules. See *Certification that Sections 603 and 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act Do Not Apply to Rule Making to Amend Sections 73.202(b), 73.504 and 73.606(b) of the Commission's Rules*, 46 FR 11549, February 9, 1981.

8. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 634-6530. For purposes of this restricted notice and comment rule making proceeding, members of the public are advised that no *ex parte* presentations are permitted from the time the Commission adopts a Notice of Proposed Rule Making until the proceeding has been decided and such decision is no longer subject to reconsideration by the Commission or review by any court. An *ex parte* presentation is not prohibited if specifically requested by the Commission or staff for the clarification or adduction of evidence or resolution of issues in the proceeding. However, any new written information elicited from such a request or a summary of any new oral information shall be

¹ The coordinates for Channel 260C3 at Buffalo are 37-35-30 and 93-02-30.

² The coordinates for Channel 269A at Lamar are 37-25-27 and 94-16-12.

served by the person making the presentation upon the other parties to the proceeding unless the Commission specifically waives this service requirement. Any comment which has not been served on the petitioner constitutes an *ex parte* presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding. Any reply comment which has not been served on the person(s) who filed the comment, to which the reply is directed, constitutes an *ex parte* presentation and shall not be considered in this proceeding.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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APPENDIX

1. Pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g) and (r) and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 0.61 0.204(b) and 0.283 of the Commission's Rules, IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, as set forth in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached.

2. *Showings Required.* Comments are invited on the proposal(s) discussed in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached. Proponent(s) will be expected to answer whatever questions are presented in initial comments. The proponent of a proposed allotment is also expected to file comments even if it only resubmits or incorporates by reference its former pleadings. It should also restate its present intention to apply for the channel if it is allotted and, if authorized, to build a station promptly. Failure to file may lead to denial of the request.

3. *Cut-off Procedures.* The following procedures will govern the consideration of filings in this proceeding.

(a) Counterproposals advanced in this proceeding itself will be considered if advanced in initial comments, so that parties may comment on them in reply comments. They will not be considered if advanced in reply comments. (See Section 1.420(d) of the Commission's Rules.)

(b) With respect to petitions for rule making which conflict with the proposal(s) in this *Notice*, they will be considered as comments in the proceeding, and Public Notice to this effect will be given as long as they are filed before the date for filing initial comments herein. If they are filed later than that, they will not be considered in connection with the decision in this docket.

(c) The filing of a counterproposal may lead the Commission to allot a different channel than was requested for any of the communities involved.

4. *Comments and Reply Comments; Service.* Pursuant to applicable procedures set out in Sections 1.415 and 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before

the dates set forth in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached. All submissions by parties to this proceeding or by persons acting on behalf of such parties must be made in written comments, reply comments, or other appropriate pleadings. Comments shall be served on the petitioner by the person filing the comments. Reply comments shall be served on the person(s) who filed comments to which the reply is directed. Such comments and reply comments shall be accompanied by a certificate of service. (See Section 1.420(a), (b) and (c) of the Commission's Rules.) Comments should be filed with the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554.

5. *Number of Copies.* In accordance with the provisions of Section 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, an original and four copies of all comments, reply comments, pleadings, briefs, or other documents shall be furnished the Commission.

6. *Public Inspection of Filings.* All filings made in this proceeding will be available for examination by interested parties during regular business hours in the Commission's Public Reference Room at its headquarters, 1919 M Street N.W., Washington, D.C.